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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 22, 2007, applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1-8 and 19-30, drawn to a method for authority-based name resolution in distributed peer-to-peer networks. Applicants submit that such claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully solicit a notice of allowance in this case. Should the Examiner have any questions, he is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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